

**CITY OF AUBURN  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**Thursday, March 18, 2010  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**Minutes**

**1. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM. Commissioners present: Chairman Tonkin, Cmr. Mercurio, Owens, Preston and Schredl.

In attendance from Wave Broadband were Michael Puckett, Business Analyst from Seabeck, WA and Kirk Ellingson, Director of Outside Plant from Rocklin, CA.

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**4. BUSINESS**

**A. Conference with WAVE Broadband**

**i. Discuss extension of service into the Auburn Airport**

A brief description was provided of the City's goal of additional business development at the Airport. High speed internet service via a fiber optic cable on the Airport would provide an important capability that would be attractive to new businesses that relocate to the Airport and to existing businesses at the Airport.

Kirk Ellingson from WAVE indicated that WAVE had done a preliminary plan for providing fiber to the Airport. The best approach would be to extend an existing fiber line that ends near Sullivan Drive on New Airport Road just South of Bell Rd. WAVE's plan would be to extend the line overhead on phone poles along New Airport Road, across Bell Road heading to the North. Once at the Airport the fiber would be underground at a cost of \$25-30 per foot. The plan proposes to run the fiber along Earhart Ave. placing a node in front of the former Coherent facility on Earhart.

Michael Puckett provided some background on his Division within WAVE, WAVE Business Solutions. Last year WAVE decided to take advantage of its fiber backbone and got a statewide fiber franchise which allows it to provide high speed Internet and IP phone services throughout California. WAVE Business Solutions provides high speed Internet and IP phone services to businesses.

The initial cost estimate for WAVE to extend fiber onto the Airport as previously described and to extend service to the demark at each building on the Airport site was \$1.2 million. Kirk indicated that the fiber service level agreement would provide 99.999% uptime. In response to a question Kirk indicated that there was no plan to provide a fiber ring to the airport. Michael Pluckett said he would provide a copy of the service level agreement to the Commission as well as a cost breakdown. Pluckett will lay out pricing options and will share how WAVE does ROI's on a project like the Airport.

Pluckett said he would like to talk to the City about alternatives for its phone service.

Chairman Tonkin addressed a long-standing open item between the City and WAVE. When WAVE assumed the Auburn franchise from Starstream the initial report to the City from WAVE showed a 399 variance in the number of Subscribers from the last report received from Starstream. Repeated inquiries to WAVE staff in Washington as to the reason for the variance have not resulted in a satisfactory response.

Pluckett promised to research the issue when he returns to Washington and to coordinate a response to the City. Pluckett was encouraged to look at the Franchise Agreement and its definition of a "Subscriber."

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.